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THE U.S. PATRIOT ACT & TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITY

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Born in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the USA Patriot Act enjoyed overwhelming public and congressional endorsement when it was signed into law on Oct. 26, 2001. Since then, however, support in both arenas continues to slowly erode as the fear of more terrorism decreases while the cost of the war against it increases. Leading the charge to retain public support for the Patriot Act is Attorney General John Ashcroft.

From the start, he has been quick to paint those critical of the act as being unpatriotic. But that paint doesn't stick to the largest contingent of critics – America's public librarians. Complementing the librarians' campaign is an unusual alliance of conservative and liberal leaders who are on the same page when it comes to worrying about infringements on the First and Fourth Amendments.

The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." The Fourth Amendment reads: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause..."

Patriot Act critics fear that the following part of Section 215 of the act violates those amendments:

The FBI director or a designee "may make an application for an order requiring the production of any tangible things (including books, records, papers, documents, and other items) for an investigation to protect against international terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities..." Librarians are also concerned that they are not permitted to notify the person whose records are the subject of an FBI search.

This is a great opportunity for library trustees to lend their support to the cause being promoted by their library directors. Trustees can use their contacts with political leaders to magnify the voices of professional librarians in the name of intellectual freedom. In a resolution, the American Library Association said it "opposes any use of governmental power to suppress the open and free exchange of knowledge and information or to intimidate individuals exercising free inquiry." Ashcroft accused the association of "baseless hysteria" and said the FBI has never used the act to request records from libraries.

The Justice Department admitted, however, it "may use this provision under appropriate circumstances." ALA President responded: "Should the government have the power to obtain Americans' reading and other personal records without probable cause?" "Americans have been told," she added, "that only individuals directly involved with terrorism need be concerned. This is not what the law says. The act lowers the legal standard to 'simple relevance' rather than the higher standard of 'probable cause' required by the Fourth Amendment. We have also been told that the law affects only non-U.S. citizens. This is not what the law says.

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In fact,... U.S. citizens may now be investigated under the lowered legal standards applied to foreign agents."

The erosion of rights under the Patriot Act is not the American way. Giving the FBI the power to examine library circulation and Internet use records is not the American way. And the FBI having power to order library staff not to reveal to a person that his or her records were reviewed is not the American way.

The terrorism of Sept. 11, 2001 changed the rules of the game in how we defend our country; however, it should not have altered the rights of the country we are defending. American citizens deserve to have their full rights restored. Library trustees need to take a political stand beside their library directors in urging Congress to change the USA Patriot Act to guarantee that no one can "legally" infringe on those cherished rights.

MORE FROM GATES

Four Kentucky library directors have been selected to attend the Sustaining Public Access Computing in Rural Libraries Workshop presented by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle.

The participants are:

Mark Adler
Paris-Bourbon County Public Library

Karen Gillespie
Grayson County Public Library

Audrey Phillips
Goodnight Memorial Library, Simpson County

Tina Snyder
Hancock County Public Library

PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME

PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME[®] is a six or eight week reading, discussion, and storytelling program held at public libraries. A university scholar (who functions as a discussion leader) and storyteller conduct weekly book discussion and storytelling sessions based on award-winning children's books. This program is a project of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

Through a cooperative project between the Kentucky Humanities Council and KDLA for national expansion of this program, eight public libraries were selected to participate. They are the public libraries in the following counties: Breckinridge, Warren, Kenton, Fayette, Laurel, Hancock, Marshall, and Perry.

This program reinforces the role of the family as a major social and economic unit; it teaches parents and children to read and discuss humanities topics (history, literature, and ethical issues, such as fairness, greed, honor, and deceit) as a way of fostering high academic expectations and achievements in low-literacy, low-income families; and it helps parents and children learn how to select books and become active library users.

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STANDARDS AWARDS

Following the adoption of *Kentucky Public Library Standards* by the Kentucky Library Association (KLA), a Standards Committee was established to keep the document updated and to encourage its use. For library boards and directors that choose to measure themselves, the Standards Committee has created a scoring system that will enable public libraries to achieve an overall rating.

This spring, at the awards luncheon at the Kentucky Public Library Association, libraries reaching basic, enhanced, and comprehensive levels will be recognized with a certificate.

Standards are important to public libraries. They identify strengths and weaknesses, provide a rational basis for requesting greater funds, and recognize achievement.

Each public library in Kentucky has received a Standards Scoresheet to complete. This should be returned by February 15 to Lori Acton at Laurel County Public Library.

CBW AT LARUE COUNTY

Kathy Crawford, Children's Librarian at LaRue County, hosted a unique program for Children's Book Week. In the weeks prior to Children's Book Week, children from grades K-3 selected three favorite books each to be featured at a "Reading Café." They wrote appetizing descriptions of the books, which were then made into a menu. The children made chefs' hats and aprons and sent invitations to parents to attend the "Reading Cafe." On the day of the program, they met their guests at the door in their aprons and hats and seated them at a table. The guests were given menus from which they selected a book. The kids then served the books to them on a silver platter and read the book to the guests. Real refreshments were served also.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIDEO PROJECT

Applications are available for The Human Rights Video Project, a new initiative that will award grants to 300 public libraries across the country.

The Human Rights Video Project will provide two types of grants. The first, supported by the MacArthur Foundation, will provide packages of 12 videos and supporting materials on human rights topics to 250 public libraries in the U.S. The second grant, supported by the Ford Foundation, will award an additional 50 libraries the sets of videos plus \$750 to present public programs on human rights topics in partnership with a non-profit community activist organization.

The Human Rights Video Project is supported by major grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation, and is a project of National Video Resources and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office. For more information, please visit <www.ala.org/publicprograms> or <www.nvr.org>. Applications must be received by March 1, 2004.

OCLC PUBLICATION

OCLC has issued an interesting e-publication: *Libraries: How They Stack Up*. It provides a snapshot of the impact of libraries on their communities and compares libraries to other organizations. Included are sections, "Libraries as Economic Engines," "Libraries as Valued Destinations," and "Libraries as Global Information Suppliers."

This report can be found at <www.oclc.org/index/compare/>.

YOUR FEDERAL \$\$ AT WORK

KDLA distributed over \$300,000 in subgrants to public libraries in the fall. These federal grants are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The grants are administered by KDLA staff. Here is a brief description of the programs that were funded:

Breckinridge County (\$4,855)

Libraries; Your Educational Gateway to the Future: The library will partner with the local correctional facility to provide library services to inmates. Resources focusing on promoting advancement in employment and education will be provided.

Carroll County (\$7,650)

Filling in the Dash: Autobiographical Writing: A series of adult classes will meet to help local residents develop creative writing projects focusing on autobiographical pieces. A small book of completed writings will be published.

Franklin County (\$9,768)

Women's Health Education Forum: The library will partner with local health care agencies to provide a three part educational series related specifically to women's health issues for those over the age of forty.

Fulton County (\$9,437)

Read-Discover; Share @ The Fulton Public Library: Funding will provide a part-time program director to coordinate a series of youth, family and adult programs that promote reading, writing and the literary arts.

Kenton County (\$5,196)

Picture Your World; Using Digital Cameras: Introduce new technology through a program that combines the elements of craft and technology. Patrons will learn how to use digital photography for PowerPoint presentations for work or school through a series involving photography and the enhancement of pictures through computer software.

Lawrence County (\$4,000)

Library Jammers: Staff will coordinate and promote library usage among teens and young adults through monthly programs that will foster creativity. Library will provide guidance and schedule instruction in a variety of activities such as photography, genealogy, poetry and crafts.

Meade County (\$15,000)

Music is Life: Cultural seminars that combine lecture with musical performances and demonstrate the history and elements of a number of music genres. The library will feature its resources from each genre and high school students will write critiques of each performance for the local paper.

Spencer County (\$7,025)

Reference / Genealogy Room Project: As the fastest growing community in the state, the Library in Spencer County plans to expand its Reference / Genealogy areas targeting those that are fifty-five and older. The community will be invited to presentations by local and outside dignitaries discussing the past and future trends.

Whitley County (\$6,788)

Celebrate Appalachia: A series of events aimed at encouraging the community to preserve Appalachian history through music, workshops, lectures, contests, art displays, and festivities. The library will work in cooperation with local elementary and high schools, colleges, Appalachia Artists' Guild, Homemakers Club, storytellers and musicians.

Breckinridge County (\$4,342)

Ken-tah-ten Teen Enrichment Center: The Library will partner with local high school to host a seminar providing college information to high school students and their parents; make periodic classroom visits to discuss library resources; and to form an ad-hoc Teen Advisory Committee that will provide insight into the needs of their peers.

Carroll County (\$7,158)

Ready, Set, Read: A partnership with the local Head Start to provide a unique type of summer reading program targeting preschool children with low literacy scores. Every 8 weeks teachers and librarians will make home visits and deliver a rotating packet of books, puppets, and other fun learning resources for the child.

Kenton County (\$3,500)

Kids Working Through Conflict Puppet Theatre: This partnership with the local school system, Partners in Prevention, Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre and the Community Program Center of Northern Kentucky will target 20 at risk students from the 3rd through the 8th grade and their families. Students will write an original play dealing with positive conflict resolution, create make and learn how to maneuver their own puppets, and finally perform their original play for the public.

Allen County (\$3,153)

Tots and Parents as Partners: Provide a series of programs and information packets for parents and their tots emphasizing pre-reading and math skills for the zero to three year olds enrolled at local daycare centers and their parents/guardians.

Meade County (\$3,096)

Leap Into Learning: Incorporate the Leap Pad Learning System technology into monthly programs consisting of story time, an activity, crafts, etc. to stimulate the acquisition of language, discovery and math skills through literature and technology for those from birth to three.

Menifee County (\$6,850)

MCPL Early Childhood Development Program: Purchase toddler computer stations and partner with local organizations to provide weekly educational programs for children ages 0-3 and to provide resources and training on early childhood development for their parents and caregivers.

Whitley County (\$6,901)

Love and Learn: Provide weekly instructional classes focusing on the importance of parental and caregiver interaction with infants and toddlers. Training includes use of kits, books, magazines, audio and video materials. Early appreciation of books and literacy will also be enhanced through finger plays and other activities.

Bath County (\$6,750)

Modernize the library's meeting and training room to meet today's technological needs by equipping the room with a laptop computer, data projector, a screen, and wireless Internet connection to be used by the library and the community.

Fleming County (\$3,982)

Strengthen services in the library's genealogy department by purchasing a laptop computer, scanner, printer, and adding wireless access point as a means to access and duplicate local genealogy.

Jessamine County (\$19,738)

While undergoing renovation and additions that are now in progress, the library will purchase and implement assistive technology hardware and software for disabled children and adults. Staff will be trained and new technologies initiated when the library reopens after construction is completed.

Kenton County (\$7,868)

Project will create digitized videos of teen programming, book talks, and virtual tours to make digital videos accessible through the library website.

Morgan County (\$19,900)

Purchase eleven laptop computers and two Wireless Access Points that will provide complete wireless access to the Internet, the card catalog, and printing services for patrons.

Ohio County (\$19,962)

Purchase, install and provide staff training for equipment to create a rolling instructional lab. This lab will include wireless technology capa-

bilities, laptops, printers, Internet access, digital projector, mobile screen and marker board.

'CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column highlights some of these. Additional items for inclusion are welcome. Please e-mail items of interest to <marjorie.flowers@ky.gov>.

The **Union County Public Library** has received over \$3,000 in donations as a result of a fundraising campaign of the *Union County Advocate*.

The libraries in the **Lake Cumberland** region decorated their Bookmobiles and participated in December Christmas Parades, as a kick off event to a 12 month calendar celebration for 50 years of Kentucky Bookmobile Service.

The **Bowling Green Public Library** participated in the annual Christmas parade with a book truck drill team. (Yes, they used the carts to transport books!)

The **Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library** has held "Food for Fines in August" for 12 years. They have specific food items valued at particular amounts so that the patron pays about 1/5 of the actual fine with food. This allows the patron to pay their fine at a much lower amount, and still maintain their dignity and take responsibility at the same time.

The **Hancock County Public Library** has undergone a major renovation which included moving the Children's Services into a large and underused public meeting room.

The **Daviess County Public Library** was featured in an article in the September issue of *WebJunction*. The topic was book displays.

The **Grayson County Public Library** received a \$500 grant from the Community Education Office

to use teen volunteers to train others on electronic databases.

"@utomatic @uthors @ your library" is a program offered by the **McCracken County Public Library** that allows patrons to automatically reserve the newest books by their favorite authors.

Painter Local #500 presented a \$500 check to the **McCracken County Public Library** to expand their collection of Accelerated Reader materials.

Meade County Public Library's "Music Is Life" program series got off to a rousing start with black gospel music for over 100 in attendance.

If you need assistance in searching the catalog for videos, refer to the brochure, "**Searching the KDLA Catalog for Multimedia Materials**," recently mailed to all public libraries. Assistance can also be requested through "Ask a Librarian" at <www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib.htm>

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AHEAD

Don't forget the following special events and dates for library related activities:

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| February 24-28 | Public Library Association conference in Seattle. |
| March 2 | Summer Reading workshop in Frankfort. |
| March 3 | Summer Reading workshop in Frankfort. |
| March 4 | Summer Reading workshop in Frankfort. |
| April 18-24 | National Library Week. |
| April 20 | Fundraising and Partnerships workshop @ KDLA in Frankfort. |

SPECTRUM INITIATIVE

Established in 1997, the Spectrum Initiative is the American Library Association's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of under-representation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession while serving as a model to bring attention to larger diversity issues in the future.

With the mission of improving service at the local level through the development of a representative workforce that reflects the communities served by all libraries in the new millennium, the ALA Spectrum Scholarship provides \$6,500 (\$5000 tuition scholarship and \$1500 in leadership development opportunities) scholarships to a number of eligible recipients each year. See the website for more information at <www.ala.org/spectrum>. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2004.

CATALOGING TIP

I have become aware of a website that might be helpful when cataloging audiovisual and music items. The URL is <www.olacinc.org/capc/authtools.html>. Descriptions are provided for resources that would help in creating authorized headings to support audiovisual and music catalog records. Some of the new resources that are included are: *American and British Theatrical Biography: A Directory*, *The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network and Cable TV Shows, 1946-present* and *Soundtracks : an International Dictionary of Composers for Film*. I hope this site will help you in your cataloging endeavors. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions. We are always glad to help!

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SRP PROGRAM

From June 5 to July 25, the Central Library Gallery in Lexington will feature the exhibit, "Children of the World: Photographs and Paintings by Betty LaDuke." This exhibit will feature photographs of children from Asia, Latin America and Africa, taken over the past 40 years.

LaDuke is an art professor emeritus at Southern Oregon University. In conjunction with her exhibits, she offers two workshops which can be tailored toward just about any age group, from grade school to adult. The workshops are "Tree of Life" and "Symbolic Self-Portrait." In both, she begins by using her own work as a catalyst for others to create a piece of art.

LaDuke will be in Kentucky to present these workshops at all the Lexington Public Library's locations from June 16 through 18. She is interested in other workshops at libraries throughout the state. The Lexington Public Library will be paying for her air fare and three days' stay. Other libraries would simply have to negotiate her speaking fee, any mileage costs from Lexington and additional days in Kentucky. She has mentioned the possibility of putting together something of a mini-exhibit that she would bring with her to any additional workshops.

Any library interested in booking her during her stay in Kentucky, can reach LaDuke at (541) 482-4562 or <bettyladuke@earthlink.net>.

USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES

Have you heard about these online newsletters for technology and public libraries? *Connections* is a web-zine designed to provide assistance in keeping the public library connected to the community. The web address is <www.gatesfoundation.org/Libraries/RelatedInfo/ConnectionsArchive.htm>.

WebJunction is an online community of libraries and other agencies sharing knowledge and experience to provide the broadest public access to information technology. It can be found at <www.webjunction.org/do/Home>.

LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER

How many square feet are there in Kentucky's public libraries? 1,929,860

How many books are in Kentucky's libraries? 8,114,551

How many bookmobiles operate in Kentucky? 88

How many computers can be found in Kentucky's public libraries? 3,823

How much is spent in Kentucky libraries for books and materials? \$12,136,750

How much money per capita is spent on library service in Kentucky? \$20.71

How much was spent in public libraries to provide access to electronic information? \$2,978,434

Source: Statistical Report of Kentucky Public Libraries: Fiscal Year 2002-2003

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